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Subject: WARs for ORCDM

If the WAR cannot be amended and re-sent then I will manually re-enter all of these for next week. I don't know why they did not go through.

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Hutchison County, Texas, Industry Group presents a modeling report to demonstrate attainment before the EPA designates the area under the 2010 Primary SO₂ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) Round 4 deadline.

On May 7, 2020, Region 6 met with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and industry groups to discuss Hutchison County's recommended nonattainment designation for the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS. The industry groups presented a new modeling report showing that the installation of pollution controls on major sources and permit limits on smaller sources demonstrate the area will attain the NAAQS approximately two years after the December 2020 Round 4 deadline. Region 6 presented its concerns with the modeling and provided written feedback for the industry group to address. The industry groups also met with the Office of Air and Radiation on May 26, 2020 to discuss the modeling results and make a presentation on EPA's policy of determining attainment based on the air quality existing at the time of designation versus future attainment based on modeling. *Aaron Vargas (214-665-7155)*

EPA Region VI holds meeting with TCEQ to discuss the potential submittal of additional information to support the approval of state SIP submittal for 2010 So₂ NAAQS-On May 20, 2020 EPA Region VI staff and counsel held a meeting with TCEQ staff and counsel to discuss Texas' State Implementation Plan (SIP) submittal to address the 2010 So₂ NAAQs and transport. Region 6 provided feedback on the emissions sources included/excluded in the modeling; location and spacing of receptors; data for merged stack scenarios at the Tokai facility; expectations for permitting; and next steps. EPA asked if TCEQ could potentially provide additional data regarding So₂ sources to bolster the submittal. Texas did include data regarding So₂ sources in monitored areas, however large So₂ sources exist in non-extensively monitored areas and should be considered in the approval of Texas' submittal. EPA and TCEQ will hold a follow up discussing on June 17, 2020, to discuss what, if any, additional information TCEQ will be providing. *Jacob Gallegos (214-665-9798)*

El Paso Natural Gas, LLC (EPNG) Laguna Compressor Station Permit Renewal Goes to Public Notice -On May 21, 2020, EPA provided public notice of the renewal and solicitation of comments for the Title V Federal Operating Permit for the EPNG Laguna Compressor Station. The EPNG Laguna Compressor Station is an existing facility that has been in operation since 1958 and is grandfathered under the Clean Air Act Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit rules. The public comment period closes on June 19, 2020. - *Jacob Gallegos (214-665-9798)*

EPA Files Status Report re Texas Regional Haze Reasonable Progress Litigation-EPA is subject to litigation on its action to address the reasonable progress component of regional haze in Texas through a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP). On May 26, 2020, EPA filed a status report with the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (16-60118). EPA informed the court that on November 14, 2019, EPA published in the Federal Register a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking: "Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Texas; Regional Haze and Interstate Visibility Transport Federal Implementation Plan: Proposal of Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) and Interstate Visibility Transport Provisions." 84 FR 61850. This supplemental notice proposes improvements to the Texas Regional Haze FIP. EPA provided a 60-day period for the submission of public comments that ended on January 13, 2020, and EPA held a public hearing on December 9, 2019. EPA is currently reviewing the comments it received. EPA continues to expect to take final action in the first half of 2020, and this final action may impact EPA's efforts to address reasonable progress. EPA's next 60-day status report is due to be filed on or before July 27, 2020.- *Joshua Olszewski (214-665-2178)*

Sierra Club Petition for Review on the Houston and Dallas (HGB & DFW) Redesignations Final Action-EPA timely filed its Certified Index in litigation related to EPA's DFW/HGB final redesignation actions in the Fifth Circuit on May 26, 2020. As background, a Petition for Review (and a protective Petition for Review) were filed in both the D.C. Circuit and Fifth Circuit related to EPA's final actions on the DFW and HGA area redesignations and maintenance plans for the revoked 1-hour and 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards. On May 15, 2020, the State of Texas and industry intervenors (BCCA

Appeal Group, Texas Chemical Council and Texas Oil & Gas Association) filed separate unopposed motions to intervene in support of the EPA (Respondents) in the D.C. and the Fifth Circuits where venue motions are currently pending. On May 22, 2020, the DOJ filed a motion to extend the deadline for filing the Certified Index in the D.C. Circuit until venue motions are decided.- *Ndubisi Ogbodo (214-665-6733)*

Monarch Part 71 Title V Permit issued.-On May 20, 2020 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), issued the final initial operating permit (Clean Air Act Part 71) for the Monarch Waste Technologies LLC (Monarch) Hospital Medical Infectious Waste Incinerator (HMIWI). EPA issued the title V operating permit in accordance with the regulations at 40 CFR Part 71. The permit authorizes the operation of the Monarch Pyromed 550 facility. The Monarch Facility is in a 10,000 square foot building owned by the Nambe Pueblo Development Corporation (NPDC) at 45A Tova Muusa Poo, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The emissions from the facility are below the tribal minor New Source Review (mNSR) thresholds and therefore do not need a permit to construct. However, a title V operating permit is required by the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) Subpart Ec within one year of start of operation (40 CFR & sect; 60.50c). The permit was issued after extensive tribal consultations with affected tribes. EPA reviewed all the written and oral comments received during the public comment period and the public hearing. The full text of all public comments and other documents relevant to EPA's decision regarding the Monarch initial title V permit are available through the online docket at www.regulations.gov, docket identification number: EPA-R6-OAR-2019-0561. EPA has made a final decision in accordance with 40 CFR & sect; 71.8 and 40 CFR & sect; 124 to issue the final initial title V operating permit to Monarch. - *William Puplampu (214-665-8591)*

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